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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2003, setting a 3-month shortened statutory period for a reply ending on August 19, 2003, Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time in which to respond, extending the time for response from August 19, 2003 up to October 19, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following paragraph, where indicated in the specification text, by insertion of the amendments below, made in accordance with the revised amendment format.

of titanium, the combination of these references is improper and cannot support the rejections, rejecting the claims as showing the limitations found in Claims 1 and 10. This impermissible combination of references is respectfully considered to be a result of impermissible hindsight, as emanating only from the understanding derived from the disclosure of the present application. See also MPEP §2143.

For these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 and 10 as amended have been distinguished from the cited prior art references and are considered allowable.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims 1-5, 7-14, and 16-19, as amended in this application, distinguish over the cited prior art references of record. Amendments to Claims 1, 4-5, 10 and 13 have overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and prompt allowance and passage of the application to issue are earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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